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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING VIDEOS & BOOKS

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The Montana Office of Public Instruction, has a small collection of bus driver training videos that can only be checked out by Montana schools and transportation providers.

For more information on how to borrow videos:

Contact Donell Rosenthal at (406) 444-3024 or e-mail Donell at drosenthal@mt.gov

For a list of other training opportunities for Montana school bus drivers, see our web site at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/Pupil_Transportation/index.html and select "Training".

VIDEO TITLES

APPROXIMATE LENGTH

Advanced Techniques for Special Ed Bus Drivers	19 Minutes
Back and Ergonomic Safety for School Bus Drivers	22 Minutes
Behind the Wheel: Precision Backing Conventional (Type C) Buses	28 Minutes
Small Bus	33 Minutes
Behind the Wheel: Precision Right & Left Turns Conventional Bus	46 Minutes
Small Bus	46 Minutes
Transit Bus	46 Minutes
Behind the Wheel: Pre-Trip Inspection Small Bus	46 Minutes
Transit Bus	46 Minutes
Behavior Management (2 Tapes) #2: Kids Are People, Too!	22 Minutes
#3: Don't Lose Your Touch	11 Minutes
Bus Discipline – A Positive Approach (4-tape set) Role of the Administrator	40 Minutes
Role of the Driver	23 Minutes
Role of the Teachers	26 Minutes
Solving Persistent Problems	23 Minutes
Bus Evacuation for Special Ed Bus Drivers	18 Minutes
Bus Evacuation Drills for Students	13 Minutes

The Montana Office of Public Instruction provides vision, advocacy, support, and leadership for schools and communities to ensure that all students meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Car Seats on School Buses: Safe Solutions for Transporting Children	20 Minutes
Confidential Records: Training for School Bus Drivers	16 Minutes
Danger Zones : Driver Training Course	20 Minutes
Evacuating a School Bus	20 Minutes
<i>For You – The Veteran Driver, see Veteran Driver</i>	
Garrett Metal Detectors	
Growing Respect on Your Bus: Student Management Strategies For Preventing Bullying and Harassment	30 Minutes
How to Control Extreme Behavior on the School Bus	20 Minutes
How to Survive a Tire Blowout on a School Bus	15 Minutes
If Buses Could Talk	18 Minutes
Intervention Strategies for School Bus Drivers	19 Minutes
Intervention Strategies for Special Ed Bus Drivers	20 Minutes
Introduction to Special Ed Bus Driving Safety	18 Minutes
Loading and Unloading	
Minnesota School Bus Drivers Series	
#1: Emergency Procedures	20 Minutes
Pre-Trip Inspection	25 Minutes
#2: Fundamentals of Bus Driving	10 Minutes
School Bus Driving Techniques	10 Minutes
#3: Winter and Adverse Weather Conditions	15 Minutes
Student Management	20 Minutes
#4: Emergency Evacuation	15 Minutes
Ghosts of Grade Crossing X	23 Minutes
#5: Are You Reading Me	10 Minutes
Children in Traffic	15 Minutes
#6: Freeway Driving-Making Critical Decisions	14 Minutes
Sharing the Road with Big Trucks	18 Minutes
#7: Looking Good	9 Minutes
To Drive at Night	13 Minutes
Moment of Truth, The (loading & unloading)	25 Minutes
Necessary and Reasonable Force	30 Minutes
Night Driving for School Bus Drivers	21 Minutes

Operation Lifesaver: Decide Smart, Arrive Safe Railroad Crossing Safety Training for School Bus Drivers	18 Minutes
Professional Bus Driver Series (7 tape set)	
#1: The Professional Bus Driver and Student Safety	20 Minutes
#2: Establishing a Positive Environment on Your Bus	20 Minutes
#3: Dealing with Severe Disruptions	20 Minutes
#4: Engaging the Support of School Administrators	20 Minutes
#5: The Role of the Bus Driver in Public Relations	20 Minutes
#6: Establishing a Positive Attitude and Taking Care of Yourself	20 Minutes
#7: Handling Students With Special Needs	20 Minutes
Reducing School Bus Idling: a Key to a Healthier Ride	5 Minutes
Safe Driving: A School Bus Driver's Series II	
Defensive Driving	10 Minutes
Using Your Mirrors	10 Minutes
Emergency Maneuvers	10 Minutes
Safe School Bus Crossing Procedures	19 Minutes
Safest Way Out: Emergency School Bus Evacuation	
General Drivers Version	16 Minutes
Special Needs Drivers Version	16 Minutes
General Student Education Version	12 Minutes
Safety Awareness for School Bus Drivers	20 Minutes
School Bus Drivers Positively in Control	13 Minutes
Someone Who Made A Difference: the Key Role of Bus Attendants	16 Minutes
Steering Clear of Liability: Training for School Bus Drivers	17 Minutes
Trends & Trials: School Transportation Law, 2010 Update	56 Minutes
Veteran Driver – For You	26 Minutes
Violence Prevention on a School Bus	21 Minutes
Winter Driving for Your School Bus	18 Minutes

BOOK TITLES

Dorn, Michael. ***School/Law Enforcement Partnerships: a Guide to Police Work in Schools***. Dallas, TX, Ram Publishing Co., 2002.

Dorn, Michael. Weakfish: ***Bullying Through the Eyes of a Child***. Safe havens International, 2003.

Driver In-service and Training Program

Effective August 16, 2002, all school bus drivers are required to complete 10 hours of continuing education annually. There are many ways to insure that a district is in compliance with the new requirements.

The district board and administration should understand and implement the following pupil transportation laws, regulations and policies:

1. They must plan and conduct pupil safety education programs as needed.
2. They must maintain adequate records and work to promote school bus safety and efficiencies, which include planning and conducting a school bus driver-training program.

School bus transportation is an integral part of today's educational system. The school bus driver is expected to present a strong role model for children, as well as represent the school district before the public. When the driver is professional and knowledgeable, he/she will encourage social responsibility among the students. A quality driver training program is critical to the success of a school transportation program.

A continuing education program for school bus drivers providing at least 10 hours of in-service training annually shall include but is not limited to training for:

- Pre- and post-trip inspections
- Passenger boarding and de-boarding procedures
- Driving skills
- Defensive driving
- Railroad safety
- Passenger management
- Safety and emergency procedures
- Special needs sensitivity and awareness

The Spring Montana Association for Pupil Transportation conference provides at least 10 hours of driver training in many and various ways. The conference fee is probably the best bang for the buck that anyone could receive for this training.

Other options include the videos contained in the OPI Driver Training Library. The videos usually last about 12 to 24 minutes. Time spent watching and discussing the videos will count towards the 10 hours of annual training requirement.

For information regarding the Advanced Driver Training classes provided in Lewistown call Fran Penner-Ray at (406) 444-4432 or email address is fpenner-ray@mt.gov.

NOTE: Documentation should be kept in a driver-training file or in each driver file as is appropriate for each school. Please do not send documentation to the OPI. This training requirement applies to anyone that drives a school bus to and from school. There have been a lot of questions regarding the substitute drivers and how this requirement applies to them. Student safety is the important reason for this requirement.

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